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RBS Exchange Traded Notes

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RBS US Large Cap Alternator ETN[] (ALTL)

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ETN Overview:

The RBS US Large Cap Alternator Exchange Traded Notes[] (the "RBS ETNs") track the RBS US Large Cap Alternator Index[] (USD) (the "Index") which is designed to provide exposure to the US large cap equity market by alternating between three popular indices, the SandP 500([R]) Total Return Index (MC), the SandP 500([R]) Low Volatility Total Return Index (LV) and the SandP 500([R]) Equal Weight Total Return Index (EW) (each, an "Underlying Index"). Each month, the Index will track the return of the Underlying Index with the highest relative strength score, which is based on average historical returns.

RBS US Large Cap Alternator Index[] Features

Strategy: Each month, the Index will track the return of the Underlying Index with the highest relative strength score at the end of the prior month.

Relative strength score: Simple average of the 1-month, 3-month, 6-month, 9-month and 12-month returns of each of the Underlying Indices.

Rebalanced monthly: Relative strength score is calculated with respect to the last business day of each month. The Index is rebalanced at the close of the first business day of the next month.

Hypothetical Market Cycle

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The graph above illustrates a hypothetical market cycle and which Underlying Index the relative strength Index methodology may select in the above stage of the market cycle. The illustrations above do not reflect an actual market cycle and they are not an indication of how a market cycle may develop, how long a stage of the market cycle could last in the future, which Underlying Index will be tracked during any part of a market cycle or whether any Underlying Index will be tracked at all or in any particular order.

SandP 500([R]) Total Return Index

[] Tracks the 500 largest U.S. stocks weighted by market capitalization.

[] Expected to outperform the other Underlying Indices during the last stage of a bull market.

[] May underperform low volatility indices in falling and choppy markets.

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SandP 500([R]) Low Volatility Total Return Index

- [] Consists of the 100 stocks from the SandP 500([R]) Index with the lowest historical volatility over the past 12 months. The least volatile stocks have the largest weighting in the index.
- [] Expected to outperform the other Underlying Indices in choppy markets and tracks the historically least volatile stocks of the SandP 500([R]) Index.
- [] May underperform the other Underlying Indices in a rising market.

SandP 500([R]) Equal Weight Total Return Index

- [] All 500 stocks rebalance to the same weight in the index on a quarterly basis.
- [] Expected to outperform the other Underlying Indices at the beginning and middle of bull markets because the equal weighting creates a higher exposure to the smaller companies within the index.
- [] May underperform the other Underlying Indices in falling markets.

Not FDIC Insured. May Lose Value.

RBS ETN Details

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|---|--|
| Ticker | ALTL |
| Intraday Indicative Value Ticker | ALTL.IV |
| CUSIP | 78009P168 |
| ISIN | US78009P1681 |
| Primary Exchange | NYSE Arca |
| Annual Investor Fee (accrued on a daily basis) | 1.00% per annum |
| Inception Date | 8/30/2012 |
| Maturity | 9/5/2042 |
| Issuer | The Royal Bank of Scotland plc ("RBS plc") |
| Guarantor | The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc ("RBSG") |
| Underlying Indices | SandP 500([R]) Total Return Index (SPTR), SandP 500([R]) Equal Weight Total Return Index (SPXEWTR), SandP 500([R]) Low Volatility Total Return Index (SP5LVIT) |
| Repurchase at your option | You may offer your RBS ETNs to RBS plc for repurchase on |

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any business day on or prior to 8/27/2042, provided that you offer a minimum of 20,000 RBS ETNs for any single repurchase and follow the procedures described in the pricing supplement.

Early
redemption
our option

We may redeem all of the RBS
at ETNs at our discretion at any
time on or prior to 9/3/2042.

Daily
Redemption
Value

Upon early repurchase or
redemption or at maturity, you
will receive a cash payment
equal to the daily redemption value per RBS ETN. The daily
redemption value on the relevant valuation date will be
published on www.rbs.com/etnus/alt1*.

The ETNs

The RBS ETNs are unsecured and senior debt
obligations of the Issuer and are fully and unconditionally
guaranteed by the Guarantor.

* Information contained on our website is not incorporated by reference in, and should not be considered a part of, this document.

To find out more Call toll free 855-RBS-ETPS or visit www.rbs.com/etnUS

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Illustration of a \$100,000 Investment in Each of the Three Underlying Indices -- 7/31/2011 - 12/31/2012

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The graph above does not reflect the performance of the RBS US Large Cap Alternator Index[] or the RBS US Large Cap Alternator ETN[]. Index performance returns do not reflect any fees or transaction costs. You can not invest directly in an index. Source: Bloomberg. All indices are based to \$100,000 as of 7/31/2011.

Calendar Year Returns for 2008 - 2012 (%) -- as of 12/31/2012

| | | | | | | INCEPTION DATE |
|--|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|----------------|
| SandP 500([R]) Total Return Index (SPTR) | | | | | | 05/1991 |
| SandP 500([R]) Low Volatility Total Return Index (SP5LVIT) | | | | | | 04/2011 |
| SandP 500([R]) Equal Weight Total Return Index (SPXEWTR) | | | | | | 01/2003 |
| | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | |
| | -37.00 | 26.46 | 15.06 | 2.11 | 16.00 | |
| | -- | -- | -- | 14.78 | 10.30 | |
| | -39.72 | 46.31 | 21.91 | -0.11 | 17.65 | |

Source: Bloomberg.

Index Statistics -- as of 12/31/2012

| | SandP 500([R]) TOTAL RETURN INDEX | SandP 500([R]) VOLATILITY INDEX | SandP 500([R]) LOW TOTAL RETURN INDEX | SandP 500([R]) EQUAL WEIGHT TOTAL RETURN INDEX |
|--|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| Top 10 Holdings (%) | 19.57% | | 12.93% | 2.11% |
| Median Market Capitalization | \$12.64 bn | | \$17.59 bn | \$12.64 bn |
| Average Weighted Market Capitalization | \$212.05 mil | | \$439.02 mil | \$53.68 mil |
| Average Dividend Yield(1) (%) | 2.14 | | 3.34 | 1.96 |
| Average Price to Earnings(2) | 20.12 | | 16.84 | 20.12 |
| Beta(3) | 1.00 | | 0.562 | 1.092 |

(1) Dividend Yield means the sum of the gross dividends paid on the stocks comprising the Index (which is a total return index) over the prior 12 months ending 12/31/2012 divided by the closing level of the price return version of the Index as of 12/31/2012.

(2) A valuation of a company's current share price compared to its earnings per share. Earnings per share is measured on a twelve month trailing basis. (3) A number describing the volatility of an index in relation to the volatility of the SandP 500([R]) that is calculated using trailing 12 month weekly returns.

Source: Bloomberg

Sector Weightings Comparison(4) -- as of 12/31/2012

| | SandP 500([R]) VOLATILITY | SandP 500([R]) LOW | SandP 500([R]) EQUAL |
|--|---------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
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| SandP 500([R]) TOTAL RETURN INDEX | TOTAL (%) | TOTAL RETURN INDEX | (%) | WEIGHT TOTAL RETURN INDEX | TOTAL (%) |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------|--------|------------------------------|--------------|
| Info Tech | 19.04 | Utilities | 31.09 | Cons Disc. | 16.63 |
| Financials | 15.61 | Cons. Staples | 26.80 | Financials | 16.46 |
| Health Care | 12.01 | Health Care | 11.31 | Info Tech | 14.02 |
| Cons. Disc. | 11.50 | Financials | 10.52 | Industrials | 12.05 |
| Energy | 10.99 | Industrials | 6.51 | Health Care | 10.24 |
| Cons. Staples | 10.61 | Info Tech | 3.62 | Energy | 8.61 |
| | | Telecom | | | |
| Industrials | 10.12 | | 2.98 | Cons. Staples | 8.19 |
| | | Services | | | |
| Materials | 3.62 | Cons. Disc. | 2.79 | Utilities | 6.13 |
| Utilities | 3.43 | Materials | 2.56 | Materials | 6.12 |
| Telecom | | | | Telecom | |
| | 3.06 | Energy | 1.82 | | 1.55 |
| Services | | | | Services | |
| Total | 100.00 | Total | 100.00 | Total | 100.00 |

(4)Based on standard industry classi[[cations. Source: SandP Dow Jones Indices

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